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The Honorable Ernest F. Hollings Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Hollings:

Thank you for your letter, cosigned by your congressional colleagues, clarifying the congressional intent with respect to the establishment of overflight fees.

I am pleased to inform you that action was taken recently to establish new overflight fees by an Interim Final Rule. The fees will be effective on August 1. Enclosed is a copy of our press release, dated June 5, and a copy of the Interim Final Rule, as published in the <u>Federal Register</u> on June 6.

Your continued support of this important program is appreciated. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me or Ms. Suzanne Sullivan, Assistant Administrator for Government and Industry Affairs, at (202) 267-3277.

An identical letter has been sent to each cosigner of your letter.

Sincerely,

Administrator

Enclosures